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Wisconsin - Goat Inventory

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Wisconsin Leads the Nation in Milk Goats

On January 1, 2010, inventory of milk goats (does, bucks, and kids) in Wisconsin totaled 46,000 head, up 6,000 head from a year ago. Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in milk goat inventory. Wisconsin's meat and other goats totaled 21,000 head, an increase of 3,000 from last year. Statewide, there were 1,000 Angora goats, unchanged from last year.

U.S. all goat inventory on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, 1 percent lower than last year. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.53 million head, and market goats were 518,000 head. The 2009 kid crop was 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008. Meat goats (and goats other than milk and angora) totaled 2.54 million head, down less than 1 percent from 2009. Milk goats in the U.S. totaled 355,000, 6 percent higher than the previous year.

Nationwide, there were 150,000 Angora goats, down 19 percent. Mohair production during 2009 was 1.02 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 160,500. Average weight per clip was 6.3 pounds. Mohair price averaged \$2.66 per pound, and the total value of production was \$2.69 million.

Goats and Kids - January 1 Number of, by use, Wisconsin, Selected States, and United States, 2008-2010

State	Milk Goats			Angora Goats			Meat and Other Goats		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Wisconsin	35.0	40.0	46.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	18.0	18.0	21.0
Iowa 1/	22.5	24.5	29.5	-	-	-	32.0	32.5	25.0
Minnesota 1/	11.0	11.5	13.0	-	1.0	1.0	24.0	20.0	22.0
California	36.0	37.0	38.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	89.0	95.0	93.0
Texas	21.0	20.0	20.0	134.0	120.0	95.0	1,030.0	980.0	990.0
United States	323.0	335.0	355.0	205.0	185.0	150.0	2,590.0	2,549.0	2,538.0

1/Angora goat inventories not published, are included in United States total. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO